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Council Delegates

At the close of the Association meetings the delegation from Northern California to the General Council is complete, with some possible last minute changes. The personnel at the time of going to press is as follows:

Rev. H. F. Swartz, by virtue of his position as President of the Pacific School of Religion.

From the Conference: Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Norman Pendleton, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell.

From the Bay Association: Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. J. H. McCartney, Mrs. Harley H. Gill. Alternates: Rev. James H. Price, Mrs. Gail Cleland.

From the Central Association: Rev. E. T. Sherman.

From the San Joaquin Association: Rev. N. B. Henderson. Alternate: Rev. M. G. Papazian.

From the Santa Clara Association: Rev. H. S. Mahood. Alternate: Mr. C. M. Doxsee.

From the Upper Bay Association: Rev. C. C. Champlin.

From the Sacramento Valley Association: Rev. Lawrence Wilson. Alternates: Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, Rev. J. D. Salmon.

Redwood Empire Association: Rev. George E. Atkinson.

The suggestion has been made that churches may be willing to make a small contribution toward the expenses of the delegates from the Association of which the churches are members. The mileage allowance from the National Council will probably be about one cent per mile both ways. This would be between $50 and $55 for those from Northern California points.

Annuity Fund Reports

The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers in its annual report for 1933 just issued, shows a year of satisfactory progress, in spite of present world conditions. During the year 82 new members were added to the Fund, making the total membership December 31st, 1933, 2,852. The number of annuitants increased from 727 to 824 and the annuity payments from $284,000 to $308,500. Of these payments $290,063 was made to members of the Original Plan and $18,472 to members of the Expanded Plan. The funds of the Annuity Fund have increased by $352,456. and now amount to $5,521,776. The Pilgrim Memorial Fund increased by $15,500 during the year, and on December 31st stood at $4,996,341 exclusive of a profit reserve of $314,576. Credit from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund Income to Expanded Plan members was continued undiminished at the rate of $90 for a full share plus an additional credit of $5.00, and $112,013 from the 1933 income was apportioned to the Original Plan members. During the first three months of 1934 fourteen new members were added to the Fund, the largest number during this period since 1922. Nowhere else can a Congregational minister get such large returns for a small outlay as by membership in the Annuity Fund.

MANY RACES MANY FAITHS

On Friday evening, April 27th, pastors and workers of foreign speaking and negro churches were guests of the denominational superintendents at a dinner at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. Representatives from both sides of the Bay, from the Congregational, Disciples, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Baptist denominations, were present. Ministers from twelve different racial groups told something of the work being done. Among these were: Armenian, Chinese, Danish-Norwegian, Filipino, German, Hawaiian, Japanese, Jewish, Negro, Russian, and Spanish. A spirit of good fellowship prevailed, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that an annual gathering of this sort would be altogether worth while. Our Congregational group was represented by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Mr. Philmore Collins of San Francisco First; Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, San Francisco Calvary Church; Rev. B. Y. Leong, San Francisco Chinese and Mr. T. T. Taam, Berkeley Chinese, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

In an attendance contest between the Cloverdale and Cotati churches, Cotati won by 3.8 per cent. The Cotati attendance has increased 75 per cent since the first of the year.

Those Coin Boxes

At the various Associations much interest was manifested by pastors and delegates in the Cent-a-Meal boxes. Orders are coming into the office almost daily from churches which see in this plan an opportunity to retrieve some of their lost missionary giving. The educational and spiritual features are especially welcomed. To give one cent a meal in gratitude to God is something which even the poorest and most penurious should welcome. The plan gives the opportunity to make the missionary education of the children effective. Missionary stories, however finely prepared and related, will never create the sentiment which will result in increased gifts in the years to come unless the children themselves have a chance to respond to the story by doing something directly. The Cent-a-Meal box furnishes the simplest possible plan.

The financing of the boxes has been a problem with some churches. One church has met it this way: Money was taken from the regular missionary funds to pay for the boxes and then each person taking a box was asked to deposit as the first coin at least a dime which when the boxes are opened, would reimburse the fund.

Not a few churches are making a special effort to get the boxes into the hands of their people before vacation in order that the summer slump may not be so heavy and in order to get the benefit of the giving of a much larger part of the year than if it were postponed until fall.

ASILOMAR

Food and fun will be well mixed with study and rest at the Young People's Conference this year at Asilomar, according to plans of the program committee.

Recreational activities are being arranged by Rev. Williston Wirt, who, as director of young people's work at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, has become well known as a leader of fun.

The studies range in scope from popular lectures by such leaders as Miss Margaret Slattery to personal interviews with many experts in modern church leadership. In general the courses will cover the Religion of Jesus, Missions and World Friendship, Personal Development, Social Relations, the Church, and Methods of Work.

The Asilomar grounds are more delightful than ever this year. The social hall, the administration building, the chapel and all the other buildings are in good repair. The sands, the trees, and the ocean still beckon.

Assurances come that, although the rates are reduced to $13.30, everything will be kept at top-notch quality for our conference. The additional cost of $2.00 covers the registration fee.

James H. Price, director of promotion, announces that special plans are under way to help churches send delegates where the church has not recently been represented. If you need help with your transportation or in securing other aid, write to him at this office.

Rev. E. T. Sherman, conference director, is receiving enthusiastic co-operation over the state in building the program, and this year bids fair to see our greatest Young People's Conference, as it celebrates its tenth birthday. The dates are Saturday, July 28th, to Saturday, August 5th.

The Church and the Loyalty of Its People

(From an address delivered by Rev. Burton M. Palmer, D.D., at the Santa Clara Association, April 17th)

Has the Church the right to expect first loyalty from its people? Ideally the Church is the body of Christ, and if so, every Christian should give supreme loyalty to it, but there is a human element that complicates the question. The Church as we know it is made up of imperfect individuals. It still has spots and wrinkles. Herein is an opening for excuses.

One speaks of the faulty program of the church. He knows of some lodge or service club that gives a more robust and virile leadership.

Another makes the hypocrisy charge. Some Christian has done wrong and it is blamed on the Master and His cause.

Still another uses casuistry, saying that the Church is only a man-made institution and one may join it and work for it or not as he wishes, that the real Church is universal and invisible,—the aggregation of all believers down through the ages, and that Christ did not contemplate an organization.

Suppose we can see the imperfections of the Church. The question to determine one's loyalty is this: Is the Church the nearest approximation available to us at present to the ideal brotherhood of Christ's followers seeking to carry out His program in the world? At almost every point one must answer YES to this question.

Is there any other organization trying so definitely to win people in open allegiance to Jesus Christ? There is not.

Is there any lodge or service club spending millions of dollars a year to send missionaries to the four quarters of the world to win disciples for Jesus? There is not.

Is there any Parent-Teachers' Association, or Chamber of Commerce, or political party, meeting at stated times to observe the Communion in His name, aiming as He said to "do this in remembrance of" Him? There is not.

Is there any other organization that, by its free-will offerings maintains hundreds of thousands of beautiful places for the worship of God the Father, as revealed through Jesus, and for teaching His Gospel? There is not.

Therefore, as things are in a world not yet perfect, but seizing the best that is available to us as the means for expressing our supreme loyalty to Christ, the organized Churches in our community have the right to ask first loyalty of the Christians in their vicinity.

The Church has a right to ask loyalty in joining it, in attending it and working with and for it, and in giving sacrifically for the mantenance of it and its mission through the world.

48 ADDRESSES 48

During the two weeks and a half of the visit of Miss Ruth Seabury, she gave addresses and participated in conferences to the number of forty-eight. Seven Associations were thus reached besides the spring meeting of the Woman's Federation and the annual convention of the German Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Seldom have Northern California churches heard such effective presentation of the accomplishments of missionary work and the progress of the Kingdom of Christ in other lands. Not one word was said by Miss Seabury concerning deficits, shrinking budgets, or the bringing of missionaries home. She left a feeling of optimism and of the worthwhileness of the work being done. Among the most valuable results of her visit were the many personal contacts which she made and the advice which she offered in the solution of local church problems. Every church and association is already looking forward to another visit which it may be hoped will be made within the next two or three years.

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THE ROLL CALL

We are entering upon the summer, which has usually meant reduction in remittances. Pastors and treasurers will render a great service to our benevolences by seeing that all moneys on hand are sent in before vacation and that checks for all receipts are forwarded regularly through the summer. It is encouraging to note that many of our churches are making a much better record this year than last. We are still $500 behind the corresponding period a year ago, but just a little extra effort will keep us fully abreast.

	April 1934	Jan. 10 April 30 1934	Jan. 10 April 30 1933
Adin	35.26	48.08	10.52
Alameda	.....	68.31	92.54
Alturas	9.45	9.45	.....
Angel's Camp.	.....	25.00	20.00
Antioch	11.83	11.83	11.10
Auburn	.....	.....	12.00
Benicia	22.00	27.00	.....
Berkeley—			
First	.....	1,935.50	1,936.00
North	128.00	128.00	249.73
Park	30.00	30.00	.....
Campbell	.....	125.00	75.00
Ceres	.....	18.33	23.66
Cloverdale	.....	25.76	34.61
Cotati	.....	9.50	41.11
Crockett	12.50	12.50	20.55
Eureka	28.00	66.00	55.05
Fairfax	10.00	10.00	10.00
Ferndale	70.29	72.98	122.76
Fowler	.....	10.00	10.00
Fresno—			
First	68.96	167.70	75.00
Pilgrim	.....	9.25	.....
Glen Ellen	1.00	1.00	.....
Kenwood	8.70	8.70	.....
Likely	.....	1.32	.....
Lodi—			
First	180.00	280.00	200.00
Martinez	32.50	32.50	22.10
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Oakland—			
Calvary	5.00	5.00	.....
First	500.00	1,019.50	1,556.45
Fruitvale	.....	1.00	4.00
Pilgrim	.....	5.00	.....
Plymouth	50.00	175.75	300.00
Oroville	20.00	80.00	.....
Pac. Grove	22.75	105.05	82.25
Palo Alto	50.00	210.00	250.00
Paradise	30.00	30.00	38.00
Petaluma	117.45	279.57	210.57
Pittsburg	18.50	18.50	15.06
Porterville	.....	8.50	.....
Redwood City	.....	100.00	135.00
Reedley Fin.	.....	14.00	.....
Ripon	5.00	17.50	15.00
Sacramento	135.00	135.50	235.00
Salida	.....	.....	5.00
San Carlos	.....	10.00	.....
S. F. Beth.-Mis.—			
Park	15.00	70.63	5.00
First	50.00	215.68	5.00
Richmond	2.50	9.50	12.00
San Jose	.....	130.00	260.00
S. Leandro—			
Broadmoor	20.00	54.63	.....
San Rafael	11.50	11.50	.....
Santa Cruz	165.00	165.00	251.00
Santa Rosa	10.00	56.15	59.99
Saratoga	125.00	125.00	100.00
Sebastopol	29.10	69.42	46.65
Sonoma	17.15	17.15	25.00
Soquel	.....	10.00	10.00
Stockton	76.03	195.36	239.20
Suisun	47.00	47.00	30.00
Sunol	.....	30.00	.....
Sunnyvale	.....	.....	9.40
Tulare	5.00	5.00	40.00
Weaverville	.....	15.00	.....
Woodside	5.00	5.00	41.50
Reno, Nev.	49.80	49.80	98.63
Miscellaneous	61.07	171.07	211.00
	$2,291.34	$6,841.47	$7,354.43

STIRRING CHALLENGE TO PARENTS

Under the caption "Your Parents," Rev. Lawrence Wilson of the Pioneer Church of Sacramento, has sent this stirring challenge to individual parents in his parish:

"Last Sunday I spoke on 'Liquor and Our Children.' Scores of YOU PARENTS should have been here, and were not!

"Those who attended felt stirred by the challenge of the critical problem. But YOU PARENTS whom I had a right to expect to attend, were absent.

"A representative of the Sacramento Bee felt that it was worth an hour of his time and took down every word. But YOU PARENTS could not spare an hour for what directly affects your own homes.

"I had interviewed many young people and had given a great deal of thought and care to this situation. But you couldn't be bothered to hear about a thoroughly thought-out solution for your own children.

"The High School authorities claim that YOU PARENTS are unfairly placing too much responsibility on them. Boys say that at dances and Social Club initiations where drinking takes place, the sponsors are 'a joke'. The teachers say that YOU PARENTS are the ones who are neglectful.

"When your boy, coming home from a party with eyes blurred and hands unsteady, kills your neighbor and his girl companion and wishes he had killed himself, perhaps you will give more thought to this problem.

"But it is not your boy who is in question? Or your daughter? No? They are not affected by influences now surrounding young people? You are not going to rally to your church which is doing its utmost to create a counter-influence?

"Many of us are doing everything we can. But more of YOU PARENTS must help before it is too late. The police are exercised, the Juvenile Court is concerned, the school authorities are alarmed, the Church is awake, to the seriousness of the situation. All together are relatively impotent unless more responsibility is taken by YOU PARENTS."

Association Officers

At the spring meetings, Associations elected officers for the ensuing year, a roster of which follows:

Upper Bay: Mr. R. L. Cramer, Port Chicago, Moderator.
Rev. C. C. Champlin, Pittsburg, registrar.

San Joaquin: Rev. R. B. Whitaker, Tulare, Moderator.
Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer, Fresno, Registrar.

Central: Rev. A. T. Davies, Salida, Moderator.
Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Lodi, Vice Moderator.
Mrs. Floyd Brown, Stockton, Registrar.

Sacramento Valley: Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, Oroville, Moderator.
Rev. E. O. Chapel, Grass Valley, Registrar.

Redwood Empire: Rev. F. E. Boren, Kenwood, Moderator.
Rev. L. D. Rathbone, Kenwood, Registrar.

Santa Clara: Rev. Benjamin Gould, San Jose, Moderator.
Mr. J. T. Richards, Saratoga, Assistant Moderator.
Dr. O. L. Elliott, Stanford University, Registrar.

THE EDITOR'S SONG

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year,
Who lays down a dollar, and offers it gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer!

Who never says "Stop it, I cannot afford it!"
Or "I'm getting more papers than I can read."
But always says, "Send it, the family all like it—
In fact, we think it a household need."

How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum!
How he makes our hearts throb!
How he makes our eyes dance!
We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Exchange.

WILL MISSIONS END?

I cannot help at least speaking of the question that is so constantly asked nowadays, and which our finances bring so close home to us, "Are we in sight of the end of foreign missions?" Are we in sight of a world of brotherly co-operation and good will? I wish we were. If not, we are not in sight of the end of foreign missions, by whatever name they may be called. We may need some very, very new wine-skins, probably we do, but I believe they will be forthcoming. I do not know what the word will be which shall act as the torch to fire the idealism of another generation, I do not know who will speak it, or when, or where, but I feel sure it will be spoken. In the meantime, in a world of so much nationalism and division just going on proving to one group that another group is human and lovable is a useful act, and that we can do. Even the old methods are not so utterly fruitless in imparting vision, and ideals, and character, as some people would sometimes imply. The missionary superiority complex—it is very real—may well go, but the missionary impulse to serve and to share ones best are still needed all round the world.

—In a letter from Edith F. Parsons.

CACOYPA INSTITUTE

The Bible Institute held under the auspices of the West Bay Cacoypa on April 20-21, was a decided success. Thirty were in attendance Friday evening. The classes were inspiring and engendered much enthusiasm. They were under the leadership of Rev. James Strayer, Rev. Lloyd Carrick, Rev. Horton Colbert, Rev. T. T. Giffen, and Rev. J. N. Pierce. A public speaking contest is to be undertaken under the direction of Leah Garabedian, program chairman.

Remember: In '34 as never before, West Bay leads the way!

THEIR OWN IDEA

The sum of $2.09 recently reached the Treasurer of the American Board from the children of the Vadala, India, Sunday School because they had heard Congregational and Christian churches in the U. S. A. were having a hard time financially. The money was collected in little white nickel coins amounting to about two cents each.

TWO NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

"They Were Giants" by Doctor Charles R. Brown, and "With My Own Eyes" by Frederick Palmer, the world-known war correspondent, are books of immediate interest, whose messages, it is to be hoped, will be incorporated in many public addresses. "They Were Giants" consists of sketches of Benjamin Franklin, Horace Bushnell, Anthony Trollope (Dr. Brown's favorite novelist), Peter Cooper, Edward Everett Hale, S. Weir Mitchell, Phillips Brooks, David Starr Jordan, Washington Gladden, and Abraham Lincoln, four of whom Dr. Brown knew personally before he came to California. Dr. Brown's fruitful pastorate in Oakland, his lecture courses given for seven years at Stanford and elsewhere, his devotion, his wisdom, and his humor, endear him to Californians. What Dr. Brown says of war in his tribute to David Starr Jordan, and what he says concerning what may be accomplished by sympathetic understanding and wisdom in industrial conflicts, as exemplified by Washington Gladden, are especially timely. Dr. Brown says he has written the book with young people in mind, thankful that for the most part they have not "bowed the knee to the sneering cynical cults," but are ardent hero-worshippers.

Frederick Palmer, who saw wars, a Turkish-Greek encounter, the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion, the Russo-Japanese War, has written what he observed "With My Own Eyes," and with the earnestness of the man who knows, he expresses his hope that "the cannon fodder has learned that there is no glory in going into the teeth of the thresher."

"They Were Giants" by Charles Reynolds Brown, Dean Emeritus of the Divinity School, Yale University. The Macmillan Co. $2.00.

"With My Own Eyes" by Frederick Palmer. Bobbs-Merrill Co. $3.50.

—By Laura Bell Everett.

C. E. STATE MEET

The Forty-Seventh Annual California Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in the Alameda High School Auditorium, Alameda, California, June 23-27. The main speaker for the Convention will be Rev. Edward L. Reiner, pastor of the Waveland Avenue Congregational Church, Chicago, Ill. William F. Knowland of the Oakland Tribune is chairman of the Convention Committee, and Mrs. Gail Cleland, our own State Moderator, is one of the Vice-Chairmen.

As in previous years, the State C. E. Union is sponsoring an all-expense tour to Alaska, July 6-20. This tour will be like a big house-party on vacation. Further information may be secured from Howard L. Brown, 301 Columbia Building, Los Angeles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21-28—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.

June 23-27—47th Annual California Christian Endeavor Convention, Alameda.

July 28-August 4—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

August 4-11—Missionary Education Conference, Asilomar.

October 16-18—State Conference, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

LODI. This church was happy to entertain the Central Association of Congregational Churches and the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Woman. Twenty-seven new members have been received since the first of the year. This church has a very active publicity committee. At the time of the Association a book consisting of 66 pages, each page 8½ by 11 inches, with newspaper clippings mounted was on display. This publicity had all been secured during one year. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, is active in preparing for the Asilomar Conference, of which he is the director.

OAKLAND. CALVARY. — Eleven representatives attended the Bay Association meeting at Niles. A Junior Choir has been organized. The young people were in charge of the Easter vesper service, and on April 18th they sponsored an entertainment, with musical numbers, skits and plays. The attendance at all church affairs has greatly improved and testifies to the splendid leadership of Mr. Cyril M. Hicks, the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR.—An informal Sunday evening service has been opened. Time is spent largely in singing, although the pastor, Rev. J. H. McCartney, gives a brief devotional talk following scripture and prayer. This plan seems to be a great improvement over the previous midweek meetings.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM.—The average attendance at Dr. Podstata's lectures for eight weeks was more than 325. Laymen and laywomen are making a thoroughgoing visitation of the church, with more than two hundred calls already made. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

MARTINEZ... Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, reports fifteen babies baptized and twenty new members received at Easter time. There are many evidences of an awakening interest, a number of new people having come into the work of the church.

SUISUN. The largest delegation attending the Upper Bay Association came from Suisun. The members of the church keep up their mid-week meeting without pastoral leadership. Rev. R. H. Richardson, of Fairfield, conducts Sunday services.

SEBASTOPOL. — Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, recently advertised "Boys for Sale." This was his way of announcing a life investment service. Representatives from various professions have been invited to give talks to the young people.

OAKLAND. FIRST.—Special musical programs are being presented by the choir on Sunday evenings. Gaul's "Holy City" was offered on April 29th. This church still furnishes place of worship for the Bethany Armenian Church.

PETALUMA.—On a recent Sunday evening the choir of this church with Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, conducted the service at Sonoma.

STOCKTON. Evening services have been resumed by Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor. Six young people united with the church on April 15th.

EUREKA.—Christian delegates from the University of California spent a recent week-end in Eureka. Duplex envelopes were recently introduced in order to give each member an opportunity to designate a portion of his giving to benevolences. Sunday school work in Loleta has been opened under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis. The Loleta church building is painted and much improved in appearance. Rev. Charles H. Hudson looks after our work at Loleta, Field's Landing, and Table Bluff, in addition to his duties as pastor in Eureka.

PACIFIC GROVE.—Easter Sunday began with a sunrise service in which the young people participated with other Peninsula churches. A beautiful cantata was presented at the morning hour, and a communion vesper service concluded the day. Following the mission study class one recent evening, an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play was presented by Mr. N. P. Patterson of San Jose. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

RENO.—A Junior Choir sponsored a Junior Musicale on Sunday evening, April 29th. An address on "Music, its Place and Power" was delivered by the musical director of the Reno High School. This church entertained the Nevada Presbytery, and the pastor, Rev. William Moll Case, preached the annual sermon at the Sacramento Valley Association.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW.—Minor repairs have been made on the social hall, and a fence built in front of the property. A candle light service was conducted on Easter evening and another planned for Mothers' Day. Mr. Stewart Locke is the pastor.

AMBROSE. — Attendance has increased since the new building is in use. Services are now being held in the morning. A ladies' group with twenty-five members is rendering splendid assistance in the program of the church. Mr. R. L. Cramer of Port Chicago is the pastor.

MODOC INDIAN. By the time The Pacific goes to press the big fair will be over. Indian women prepared and served luncheon on Saturday and attended to necessary cleaning and decorating. The fair was held in the Alturas Congregational Church.

TULARE.—On the Sunday following Easter nine were received into membership, 6 of whom came by confession of faith. Rev. R. B. Whitaker, pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose on Sunday, April 22nd.

PORT CHICAGO. This church boasts the largest Junior Christian Endeavor Society in the county. The Sunday School and church membership are nearly three times as large as a year ago. Mr. R. L. Cramer is the pastor.

RIO VISTA.—Eight young married people were received into the church on confession of faith Easter Sunday. Mr. A. N. Cheleden is the pastor.

ANTIOCH.—New Sunday School hymn books have been purchased. Rev. Henry Stauffer, the pastor, is very proud of a splendid choir.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John T. Munton has resigned after nearly four years of service in this field. During this time young people's societies have been formed in two churches and Sunday School organized at Copperopolis. Attendance and interest have increased. Each year the benevolences are paid promptly and social service quotas completed. The membership at Angel's Camp has been strengthened and increased. Mr. Munton plans to spend the summer vacation in England.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY.—Rev. H. M. Hovagimian has been called as pastor of this church for a period of six months. Mr. Hovagimian is an ordained Presbyterian minister but has worked for the Chicago Congregational Union for several years, and has been in charge of the congregation at Waukegan, Ill. He was enthusiastically welcomed by the membership and it is freely predicted will have a very successful pastorate.

CAMPBELL.—Six adults and 19 juniors were admitted to membership of the church on Easter, with more children in preparation to be received a few weeks hence. Regular weekly instruction is carried on by the pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, the children meeting at the Manse for a picnic dinner prior to the discussion period.

FRESNO. JAPANESE. At the request of Mr. S. Nakayama, who is pastor of the church but not ordained, Rev. Norman Henderson recently performed a marriage ceremony, which was held in Zion Church. Thus it was a Japanese church wedding, in a German church building, performed by an American clergyman.

CROCKETT.—This church maintains two Sunday Schools. An Easter sunrise service was very well attended. Plans are on foot for the closer union of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches under the leadership of Rev. R. W. Caughey.

BENICIA.—The Young People's Society has twenty-five active and four associate members. A ladies' social circle has the active support of about fifty women. The attendance on Easter Sunday was the largest during the pastorate of Rev. E. W. Houlding.

BERKELEY, NORTH.—The men of the church, dressed up in women's clothes, staged a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary as an entertainment for the ladies. The East Bay Cacoypa held a Vesper service Sunday, April 8th, with Dr. George T. Tolson as speaker.

BIG VALLEY.—A woman's society has been organized in Nubieber. Rev. Westwood Wallace, the pastor, is to deliver the baccalaureate addresses at the High Schools at Fall River and Bieber.

BERKELEY. ARLINGTON AVENUE—Forty-six different group meetings were held in the Fellowship House during April. A new women's organization is making splendid progress.

CLOVERDALE.—Rev. Harold S. Davidson, pastor, reports seventeen new members for this year, fourteen of whom were on confession of faith.

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE-UNITED—A church directory has been printed, showing a constituency of over a thousand families. The book was paid for through advertising. Due to greatly reduced income, the church finds it impossible to continue the services of an assistant pastor after April 15th. Rev. James H. Price, who has held this position for nearly two years, is using the final weeks of his service in an endeavor to put the financial affairs of the church in good shape.

OROVILLE. The last Sunday evening in March the Auburn young people presented their Easter play to an audience that overflowed the auditorium. Earlier in the month the Presbyterian choir in Chico gave their Easter cantata.The Sunday School has adopted the closely graded material and attendance and interest are on the increase. A goodly delegation for Asilomar is assured. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

FRESNO. FIRST. The men of the church gather once a week at noon for luncheon, discussing church, city and community problems. The attendance at the Sunday evening forum during the past year has ranged from 350 to 1,100, with an average of more than 600. Eleven new members were added in January and 17 at Easter time. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is the pastor.

SALIDA. Eighteen walnut trees have been planted about the church yard. The windows have been covered with windowphane, which gives the effect of beautiful stained glass. The choir is now vested. All bills of the church are paid and their budget subscribed for the coming year. Rev. A. T. Davies is the pastor.

PITTSBURG.—On a recent Sunday Rev. C. C. Champlin, the pastor, received into membership a man 84 years of age on confession and baptism. Eight other members were received. A paid-up membership of the Woman's Auxiliary numbers 95. Two-thirds of the choir are Sunday School teachers.

COTATI. — Once a month union young people's meetings are held with other churches. On one Sunday evening in April the Cloverdale church visited Cotati, taking care of the entire program. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson, the pastor, is planning a Vacation Church School.

KENWOOD AND GLEN ELLEN.—More union social occasions and union church services are planned by these two churches. An automobile race in the Kenwood Sunday School is resulting in increased attendance. Rev. F. E. Boren is the pastor.

RIPON.—The financial deficit was cleaned up at the end of the year. Fourteen new members were received on Easter Sunday. The Woman's Association has sixty paid-up members. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

SPRING MEETING

A beautiful, sunny day, a hospitable hostess church, gracious words of welcome, our two new officers presiding with dignity and charm, a well-arranged program with excellent speakers, all these things combined to make the meeting at Lodi, April 19th, one long to be remembered.

Mrs. Gail Cleland spoke of our "remodelled" denominational magazines, first the "Advance," now freed from its long drawn out laborious sounding title—filled with articles on world problems: second, the "Missionary Herald," combining both home and foreign news items, about which every woman should be conversant; and last, but far from least, our own "Pacific," costing only 25 cents a year, but factual, progressive, informing in regard to the advances made by our Northern California churches. Mrs. Cleland advocated a Drive Leader for every church to secure new subscribers for all three.

Our Redwood Empire Association reported growth in effort with its growth in name. Could we expect anything else with a director like Mrs. George Atkinson?

Mrs. James Hazlett, as she brought news from "Our Wilburs," made us feel again the joy of possessing them, but also emphasized our responsibility, to be measured by our Thank Offerings. At present the Wilburs are wrestling with a strange and difficult language, but filling a long felt need in many other ways.

Rev. E. T. Sherman, of our hostess church, urged the Women's Associations as "mothers" of the church life, to see that young people were sent from every church in the conference to Asilomar this summer. From the interest and benefit gained by these young people, the church will attain new life, spirituality and vigor.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S WORLD

The treat of the afternoon was the vivid presentation by Miss Ruth Seabury of "A Christian Woman's World." She said in part: We have chosen, as women, to walk in ways of peace. We should not despise our power in this; but more, we should make it a burning cause. We should help to abolish war, to give abundant life and to interpret God. We should be experts on the great key ideas that motivate other nations. No Christian has a right to PREJUDICE, either personal or national. Young People are looking to us for leadership in this. We should not stand for Foreign missions and ignore our own race problems, neither should we feel more concern for our own welfare than for all the world.

The session closed with a missionary drama well rendered by the Lodi ladies. In this play "The Two Americas," through the experiences of two young girls who became friends, one an Anglo-Saxon, the other a Latin-American, an understanding and sympathy for the view points of each was learned, while the central thought of the day was again impressed upon all, that not by war and hatred, but through friendship and understanding the day of our Lord is to come.

OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

The burden of the messages of our outside speakers seemed to center, as if by pre-arrangement, on the first great question of peace. Mr. Richard Morgan, working as a student pastor and adviser in First Church, Berkeley, brought us reactions from our own University students. During the past college year Mr. Morgan has made over 300 contacts with University students hitherto unknown to him, 175 through the Fireside Fellowship Groups he has inaugurated, that meet in homes each week—ten to twelve in a group—and also through his weekly conferences with young people which wish to discuss their own or world problems.

Mr. Morgan said there are two groups in college, one that cares nothing about religion, the other that is interested though not necessarily in the church. These young people are not so much disillusioned as regards religion, as they are confused. They cannot see where they are going.

Mr. Morgan went directly from the Lodi meeting to Berkeley, where a group of young collegians was waiting for him to confer regarding compulsory military training in the University. The student body president is reported as saying: "I am not a conscientious objector, but I stand for the rights of those who are."

Professor Paul A Schilpp, of the College of the Pacific, began his forceful address with the quotation: "To say sweet things merely to please is the crime of crimes." He read the seventeen points, new Social Creed of the Churches, through which the church is committed to a cooperative commonwealth as an ideal, and to the application of the Sermon on the Mount to all relations, national and international.

He pointed out that a beautiful statement alone does not change anything and referred to some discouraging facts that must be faced. Selfishness prevails everywhere: in the home, school, church and industry. War is prosecuted in the name of the Prince of Peace which is blasphemy, and only recently has the church become aware of the social relations of the gospel. A man cannot cheat his neighbor and save himself. There must be either a cooperative commonwealth, or the complete downfall of western civilization.

He spoke of the young people who are protesting the enforced military drill in our Universities, citing the case of the two students in U. C. L. A. who were expelled because they refused to conform.

RESOLUTION PASSED

The following resolution was passed: "We, the members of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, hereby voice our emphatic protest to the Regents of our State University against the dismissal from the University of conscientious objectors to war and to required military training; and we hereby unanimously petition the Board of Regents of our State University to change military training at our civil educational institutions from compulsory to voluntary."

A CHURCH SPEAKS UP

First Church, Berkeley, After Careful Study, Addresses Thoughtful Communication to the American Board

During the months of March and April the seven sections of the Women's Association of the First Church in Berkeley studied "Re-Thinking Missions." As a result, a letter was addressed to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, signed by the pastor, the Board of Deacons, the Trustees, the President of the Woman's Association, and the chairmen of two church missionary committees. A hundred and sixty women attending section meetings voted their approval.

The Pacific is glad to print a number of pertinent paragraphs from the letter, and offers the suggestion that it would be of great value if other churches were to study "Re-Thinking Missions" and formulate their own conclusions as a result.

1. It seems to us that the time has come for Protestant Christianity to endeavor to understand more fully and more clearly the distinctive message of Christianity to the world and thus, also, its relation to other religions.

This measure seems to us, in brief, to be: **the good news of the Fatherhood of God, as revealed in unequalled grace and fullness in Jesus Christ,** "the human face of God," and **the Brotherhood of Man,** to be realized in a universal Kingdom of justice, truth and love. While this revelation and this ideal are to be found in other faiths we do not find them there in any such strength and vitality as in the faith which has been given us to strive to live and to share.

(a) We believe that the personality of Jesus Christ is that which gives to the Christian religion its unique and inexhaustible value for humanity—as the fulfillment of all that is best and highest in other religions. Without this belief in its inherent and supreme value there would be no sufficient reason for us as Christians to maintain the missionary enterprise, but, having it, we cannot but regard it as the duty and joy of the church to carry the Gospel wherever human life needs saving and uplifting.

(b) At the same time we conceive it to be the duty of the Missionaries of the Cross to recognize and honor the truths, and ideals common to all the higher religions and to cooperate heartily with the representatives of other faiths for mutual conference in the common purposes and tasks of the religious life.

(c) It is our conviction that members of different races and peoples will naturally adapt and interpret Christianity in their own ways, letting its abundant life flow into the channels of their own ideology, customs and needs. To this end we believe, in accordance with the Report, that the aim of Missions should be to encourage native Christian leaders and churches to assume, as fast as may be consistent with circumstances, the development and control of their own churches and educational and philanthropic institutions.

2. Increasingly, therefore, it seems to us, the policy of the Mission Boards should be one of assistance and co-operation rather than of management and control.

To further this creative service such mission work as is carried on should, in our judgment, be mainly in the nature of stimulus and demonstration so directed in all lines as to emphasize quality rather than extent of impact and numerical results. Men and women of outstanding Christian character, understanding and equipment, should be placed on the mission fields at strategic points and leaders in thought and method should be sent to confer with and encourage Christians in different countries and to receive from them in turn inspiration and help, that thus close and friendly contact may be developed between our home churches and those in other lands.

3. Very clear evidences have been presented by the Inquiry of unjustifiable administrative expenditure on the part of our denominational Boards, and of duplication of work on the field. Our honored and beloved American Board has throughout its history devoted itself with singleness of purpose to the service of humanity forgetful of denominational prestige. We would therefore strongly urge that the American Board should offer the leadership that its seniority and achievements suggest in bringing about some real form of union, or closer co-operation on the part of the various Mission boards, both at home and abroad.

In conclusion, we wish to express to the Board the hearty appreciation of our church for the goodwill and breadth of vision with which the Board has welcomed the Laymen's Inquiry and the readiness it has shown to adopt such measures as promise to further the great and pressing work committed to our branch of the Church of Christ.

With sincere sympathy with you, as officers of the Board, in the difficult tasks of adjustment and curtailment devolving upon you, pledging our continued loyalty and support, and with the earnest hope that our churches throughout the country will rally to the increased obligations devolving upon us all.

Why Join the Church?

1. Because the church takes in the whole family without regard to sex or age.
2. Because in the church you live in close friendship with people on the high level of Christian faith.
3. Because in joining a church you testify to friends and neighbors your belief in the religion of Jesus.
4. Because you are willing to take upon yourself the responsibility for sustaining and directing an institution without which you would not want the community to live.
5. Because you want to encourage others who are working hard to build the church that you want.
6. Because there is satisfaction and power in formal alliance with the great group of people who through nineteen centuries have been testifying their faith in Jesus as the spiritual leader of the race.

—From Plymouth Church Bulletin.

AND WHY NOT?

The pastor of one of our churches met one of his laymen on the street and greeted him thus:—

"Brother, you and I aren't going to be here always. But the Church is. If the Lord had seen fit to bless me with a little extra of this world's goods, I would feel like remembering that fact in my will."

And it came to pass that the brother fell ill and was gathered to his fathers, and when his last will and testament was opened, behold he had taken the hint, and now his good works live after him.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Northern California Congregational Conference of San Francisco, California, the sum of.....dollars.